



HALACHIC ORGAN DONOR SOCIETY'S LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2020

1. HODS enabled a number of Jewish families to donate organs saving dozens of lives.
2. The major fundraising event for HODS is the annual 5K race. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, HODS held their first virtual race, a kayak race from New York to Tel Aviv, on December 27, 2020. As a result of race participants asking their friends and family to sponsor them in the race, HODS raised over \$49,000. Our race is an event our members look forward to every year and enjoy.
3. The LiveOnNY Foundation, the local Organ Procurement Organization in NY, gave a grant to HODS to give five college/university students in the New York area grants to become student ambassadors for HODS. Student ambassadors organized online lectures to raise awareness about halachic support for organ donation. The LiveOnNY Foundation continues to use our materials and refer people of Jewish faith to our website.
4. The HODS website was visited by more than 20,000 people from six countries to access hundreds of educational videos and articles about halachic support for organ donation. As a result, many families have agreed to donate organs and save lives. Upon reading the many resources on our website, Chief Jewish chaplain to the NL Armed Forces decided to educate his community in Amsterdam about halachic support for organ donation.
5. HODS was quoted in the *American Medical Journal* about organ donation. HODS was also quoted in *The Forward* about the impact the coronavirus pandemic had on transplants from deceased donors. *My Jewish Learning*, in partnership with UJA Federation, made a video and wrote an article using HODS material.

6. HODS sent high-quality masks made according to the requirements of the Ministry of Health of Israel to HODS members and raised over \$120,000 from mailing these masks to members.
7. HODS representatives delivered 20 lectures on Jewish law and organ donation to groups in USA, Australia, India, Israel, and the United Kingdom reaching hundreds of people. Lectures were given upon invitation to synagogues, Jewish Day Schools, yeshivas, seminaries, a Pre-Army Program, and in private homes. The Director of HODS was interviewed on a European radio show.
8. The President of HODS spoke during a webinar before several hundred attorneys to discuss end-of-life issues surrounding organ donation and estate planning for Orthodox Jewish clients.
9. HODS Explanation of Death video has received more than 90,000 views.
10. HODS is currently producing one animation video on brain death in four languages including Hebrew to be released in 2021.